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RANCHO CORDOVA WOMAN SENTENCED FOR
THEFT OF SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that ANGELICA FERRAR, age 72, of Rancho Cordova, California, was sentenced this morning by United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell for stealing U.S. Social Security Administration funds.

This case is the product of an investigation by the U. S. Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, from December 1979 through April 2006, FERRAR falsely claimed to be unmarried under a fraudulently obtained Social Security Number in order to qualify for and to receive social security benefits. Additionally, from October 2001 through April 2006, FERRAR -- while using her true Social Security Number and while claiming to be a widow -- fraudulently received additional social security funds. In sum, FERRAR stole \$131,174.98 in social security funds that she was not entitled to receive. FERRAR's fraud was uncovered as a result of advancements in the ability of the Social Security Administration to use computer technology to cross reference SSA data with other public records.

FERRAR, who had no prior criminal convictions, was sentenced to 5 years of federal probation. As a condition of probation, FERRAR will be on house arrest for 6 months. FERRAR was ordered to make full restitution of \$131,174.98 to the United States for her theft of Social Security Administration funds.

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